



### ***TCWSE Mission***

***Our mission is to build and sustain a diverse community of women educational leaders dedicated to promoting equity and excellence through renewal, mentoring, and career advancement support.***

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***“Elevation becomes legacy when your success creates access for someone else.”***

***— Sonja A. Brown***

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***Lifting Up...  
Happy October!***

***"Health is a woman's capital." ~Harriet Beecher Stowe***

***During this month of Breast Cancer Awareness, we must go beyond just wearing pink. What is our call to action to help ourselves, family and friends live a healthier life?***



***1 in 8 Women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2026***

The narrow degrees of separation between us and anyone we know having been diagnosed with breast cancer is uncanny. We all know someone, or multiple women, affected by this disease and many of us have had it hit us personally. As educators, we are natural problem solvers, but what can we really do? I spoke with several breast cancer survivors and compiled this list of possible actions:

***What We All Can Do...***

- If you know someone who is living with breast cancer or has been affected by the disease, check in with them to ask them how they're doing. Buy some extra cards on coping and kindness. Stop and send one to those you know who could use your uplifting words of encouragement. Don't be offended if they are not up to visitors, especially right after receiving treatments.
- Schedule your annual mammogram. Encourage your friends and family to do the same. Send a text to your closest friends reminding them about their well woman checkups, mammograms as well as yearly physicals. Be their nagging calendar friend! (I literally just sent 5 texts to friends)
- Treat your symptoms. Don't avoid the doctor due to fear. It could only make things worse but will most likely put your fears to rest and you will be glad you did.
- Just because you don't have cancer in your family is not a reason to avoid the mammograms or checkups. All diseases start somewhere. We speak of bold leadership in our jobs, but we must be bold and fearless for our

health, too.

- Learn more about breast cancer and how it affects people's lives from Breastcancer.org's [news](#), [educational content](#), [podcasts](#), and more.
- Join [community discussion forums](#) to ask questions or connect with others. Breastcancer.org also hosts multiple [virtual support groups](#) each week.
- If you are a survivor or battling this demon, remember there is **joy** after the fight! We are all here for you and will celebrate you and lift you up.

**In TCWSE, we are never alone. We are one, strong, beautiful group of women!**

***Christie Whitbeck, TCWSE Executive Director***



While we work in competitive fields, we must be women who **lift each other up**! Nothing can be more powerful than connecting with a colleague to help us listen, grow and be inspired! For questions about TCWSE contact Dr. Christie Whitbeck, Executive Director at [execdir@tcwse.org](mailto:execdir@tcwse.org) or [christiewhitbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:christiewhitbeck@yahoo.com).

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## President's Message

**President's Message | October 2026**

**Lifting As We Climb: Your Elevation Should Create Access**

There comes a point in every leadership journey when we must stop measuring our progress solely by how far we have climbed and begin asking a more consequential question: **Who has greater access because I made the climb?**

October finds us well beyond the beginning of the school year. The excitement of August has settled into the demands of daily leadership. Calendars are full, decisions are harder, expectations are real, and many of us have already been reminded that leadership is rarely as polished behind the scenes as it appears from the outside. Yet somewhere in the middle of meetings, deadlines, decisions, challenges, and competing priorities, there is another responsibility we cannot afford to overlook: someone is watching how we lead.

Someone is learning from how we handle pressure and listening to how we use our voice. Someone is noticing whether we make room at the table or guard our seat at it. And somewhere, an emerging leader may be quietly wondering whether there is room for her in leadership at all. What she sees in us matters.

**"Elevation becomes legacy when your success creates access for someone else."**

— Sonja A. Brown

As women leaders, many of us know what it feels like to enter spaces where women were once underrepresented, overlooked, or altogether absent. We know what it means to prepare extensively and still have to prove ourselves. We know what it feels like to wonder whether our voices will be heard, whether our ideas will be credited, whether our leadership styles will be accepted, or whether there is an unspoken standard we must somehow learn to navigate.

And because we know, we have a responsibility. When we gain influence, we must use it. When we gain access, we must widen it. When we find our voices, we must help other women discover theirs. And when we reach a table where decisions are being made, we should remember the women who are qualified, prepared, and capable but have not yet been invited into the room. **This is what it means to lift as we climb.**

It is more than mentorship. Mentorship matters deeply because we need women willing to share lessons, answer questions, offer perspective, and help others avoid some of the mistakes we had to learn through experience. But lifting also requires advocacy and sponsorship. Sometimes it means saying her name when she is not in the room. Sometimes it means forwarding the opportunity, making the introduction, recommending her for the committee, inviting her to the meeting, encouraging her to apply, giving her the

stretch assignment, or sharing information that others once kept to themselves. Sometimes it is simply looking at a woman who has not yet recognized her own capacity and saying, “**You are ready.**”

Those moments may feel small to the person providing them, but they can be life-changing to the woman receiving them. I know because there have been women throughout my own journey who did exactly that for me. They encouraged me, shared what they knew, opened doors, spoke my name, and allowed me to observe leadership up close. Sometimes they saw something in me before I had fully learned to see it in myself. Their willingness to make room did not diminish their leadership. It multiplied it.

That lesson has stayed with me because another woman's elevation does not require our descent. Her opportunity does not diminish ours. Her brilliance does not dim our light, and her seat at the table does not require us to surrender ours. There is room for both of us. And when there isn't enough room, perhaps part of our responsibility as leaders is to **build a bigger table**.

**“Leadership is not diminished when we make room for others. It is multiplied.”**

— Sonja A. Brown

That kind of leadership requires confidence. Insecure leadership tends to hoard information, while secure leadership shares it. Insecure leadership needs to be the smartest voice in the room, while secure leadership develops other smart people and welcomes their contributions. Insecure leadership can view emerging talent as competition, while secure leadership recognizes that developing talented people makes the entire organization stronger.

Transformational leadership goes even further. It understands that our greatest accomplishment may not be what happens while we occupy a particular position, but what continues because of the people we prepared while we were there. **That is legacy.**

As President of TCWSE, one of the things I value most about this organization is the extraordinary depth of leadership represented within it. Across Texas, our members carry decades of experience, institutional knowledge, expertise, relationships, and hard-earned wisdom. Imagine the impact if we became even more intentional about transferring that leadership capital to the women coming behind us.

What if every woman in TCWSE identified just one woman this year whose leadership she would intentionally strengthen? Not simply encourage, but truly **invest in**. Imagine hundreds of women across Texas receiving introductions, opportunities, honest feedback, professional guidance, and advocacy because another woman made an intentional decision to help her rise. That is how we strengthen the leadership pipeline. It is how we ensure experience does not leave without transferring wisdom, how we prepare leaders for tomorrow, and how individual success becomes collective progress.

Last month, I challenged us to put **Purpose Before Position** and reminded us that leadership does not begin with a title. This month, I want to challenge those of us who have been entrusted with titles, influence, relationships, and access to consider what we are doing with them. Reaching the next level cannot be the end of the assignment. There must be something beyond the achievement and someone beyond ourselves.

Our leadership should make the path clearer, the access wider, and the possibilities greater because we traveled this way.

### **Leadership Reflection**

This month, I invite you to consider: **Who am I intentionally preparing for greater leadership? Whose name have I spoken in a room she could not enter for herself? What knowledge, relationship, or access am I holding that could help another woman advance? Have I created space for emerging leaders to grow, or have I only expected them to watch me lead?**

And perhaps most importantly: **If my leadership ended today, who would be better prepared to lead tomorrow because I invested in her?**

Our 2026 theme calls us to **Take Flight: Claim Your Power. Elevate Your Impact**. But elevation was never intended to be exclusively personal. We claim our power so we can use it, and we elevate our impact so its reach extends beyond us. When we climb, we reach back because leadership at its best is not about becoming the only woman who made it. **It is about making certain you are not the last.**

So this month, look around and identify the woman with potential, the woman who is ready but hesitant, the woman doing exceptional work without recognition, or the woman whose name deserves to be spoken in a room she has not yet entered. Then be intentional about doing something that moves her forward. Open the door. Extend the invitation. Make the introduction. Speak her name. Share what you know. And when the opportunity comes, move over and make room.

Because perhaps the most meaningful evidence that we have risen will ultimately be found in the women who rise because we did.

**Leaving the runway wider,**

**Sonja A. Brown**

President

Texas Council of Women School Executives

*Take Flight: Claim Your Power. Elevate Your Impact.*

*Gotta Laugh....*



*"It happened at work. I broke through the glass ceiling: I'm now the new superintendent."*

*Let's Celebrate Each Other*



***TASA Top 5 Female Superintendents of the Year are TCWSE Members!***

Congratulations to Michelle Rinehart from Alpine ISD and Ginger Carrabine from Bryan ISD!



With TCWSE Executive Director Christie Whitbeck

Congratulations to Ginger Carrabine from Bryan ISD Region 6  
Texas Superintendent of the Year!



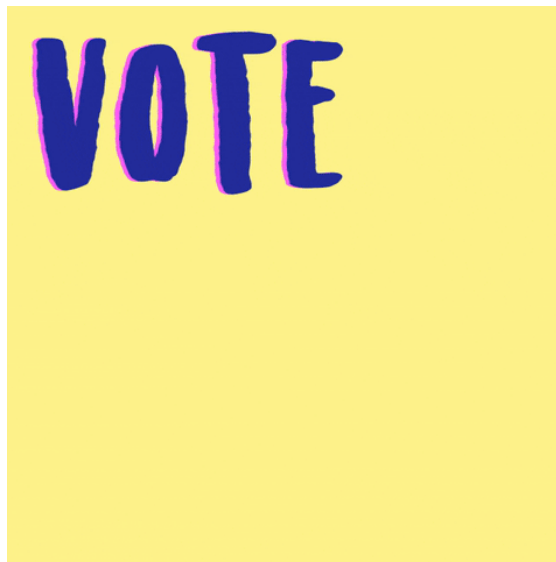


**Amy Sharp, TCWSE Secretary, now Assistant Superintendent in Elgin ISD!**



Do you know of a female colleague who has been recognized or recently promoted? Send their name and recognition or new position information to Dr. Christie Whitbeck at [execdir@tcwse.org](mailto:execdir@tcwse.org) or [christiewhitbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:christiewhitbeck@yahoo.com) for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

***Raise Your Hand Texas Provides us Resources for Voting!  
Election Day is November 3, 2026!  
There is a lot at stake for educators!***



We have a saying at Raise Your Hand Texas- EVERY election is an education election, and this year fits that more than ever. Early voting begins NEXT WEEK, so please make note of these important dates and utilize these resources including RYHT's website [Raise Your Hand Texas](https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org) and pledge card: <https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/digital-pledge-card/>

- **October 19:** Early voting begins (use [this site](https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org) to verify early voting locations)
- **October 23:** Deadline to [apply](#) for a mail-in ballot
- **October 30:** Early voting ends
- **November 3:** General Election Day

The [Texas Tribune](#) includes information you need about how and when to vote as well as who is on the ticket in statewide races. You can confirm your voter registration, request a mail-in ballot, and

register to vote using the links included on the page.

The League of Women Voters of Texas offers a nonpartisan [Voters Guide](#) and [VOTE411](#), an online tool that lets you see what's on your ballot and compare candidates' responses to questions.

The [Teach the Vote](#) candidate search is a project of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE). It provides information on candidates' education policy positions and education-related voting records for current officeholders. The site also includes candidate survey responses. It is nonpartisan and does not endorse candidates.

## ***Conference 2027 in San Antonio, Texas***

***Registration is now OPEN***

***See schedule and registration information by going to [www.tcwse.org](http://www.tcwse.org)***

***Join the fun, fellowship, learning and inspiration!***

***This conference is especially designed from 4:00 Friday to Saturday at 5:00 p.m.***

***This is a conference you do for you!***



### **Call for TCWSE Members to Assist with Decorating at the Conference**

**Theme: *Rooted and Rising***

Decor Chair Crystal Romero-Mueller is asking for help to assist on Friday morning, January 22, 2027 at our San Antonio Conference. She already has ideas but will need a "boots on the ground" committee. There will be one zoom

meeting in January prior to the event.

Are you creative and want to help the conference room be beautiful?  
Contact Crystal Romero Mueller at [crystalromeromueller@tomballisd.net](mailto:crystalromeromueller@tomballisd.net)

Here are a few inspirations from last year!



## Why Join TCWSE? Share with a Friend.

For more than 41 years, [TCWSE](#) has been a place where women leaders connect, grow, encourage one another, and prepare for what's next. Whether you are an aspiring administrator, a seasoned executive, or somewhere in between, there is [a place for you here](#).

## TCWSE?

## Annual Conference

Our Annual Conference is one of the premier gatherings of women educational leaders in Texas. It is where inspiration meets practical leadership, meaningful connections are formed, and lifelong friendships begin. We are already preparing for our [2027 Annual Conference](#), Rooted & Rising, on January 22-23, 2027, in San Antonio, immediately preceding the [TASA Midwinter Conference](#).

Beginning with a Friday evening general session and reception and continuing through a full day of learning and networking on Saturday, the conference offers exceptional professional development while celebrating the remarkable women who lead Texas schools. [See photos from past conferences!](#)

## Female Superintendents' Summit

Women serving in the superintendent role face unique opportunities and challenges. Our annual Female Superintendents' Summit provides a dedicated space for collaboration, candid conversation, and mutual support among those serving in the state's highest district leadership positions.

## Meaningful Connections & Mentorship

Leadership is not a solo journey. Through TCWSE, you'll build relationships with mentors who guide you, sponsors who advocate for you, and colleagues who encourage you every step of the way. These connections often become some of the most valuable resources throughout your career.

## Regional Engagement

Our regional councils provide opportunities to connect with women leaders close to home through networking events, professional learning, and conversations focused on the issues most relevant to your region.

## Leadership Resources

Members receive a [monthly newsletter](#) featuring leadership insights, organizational updates, celebrations of our members' accomplishments, upcoming events, and practical resources designed to support your continued professional growth.

## Awards & Scholarships

TCWSE proudly recognizes outstanding women leaders and advocates for education through a variety of [awards and scholarship opportunities](#) that celebrate excellence and encourage continued leadership development.

## Discounted Tuition

Members pursuing advanced degrees may also benefit from reduced tuition through our partnership with Abilene Christian University, creating additional opportunities for continued learning and professional advancement.

Joining or renewing is simple. When completing your TASA membership through the [TASA Member Services Center](#), simply select TCWSE as an add-on membership before checkout. [Step-by-step renewal instructions](#) are also available through TASA.

If you'd like to learn more about TCWSE, I encourage you to [visit our website](#) or contact our Executive Director, Dr. Christie Whitbeck, at [execdir@tcwse.org](mailto:execdir@tcwse.org).

## Call for Presentations for Conference

# Call for Focus Session Proposals

The call for focus session proposals is open through October 19, 2026. In creating your proposal, please keep in mind that our underlying conference objective always mirrors the mission of TCWSE: to create and maintain a united community of professional educational executives by promoting equity and quality in leadership through renewal, mentoring, and career advancement support.

**Submissions for the 2027 conference should address one of the following topics:**

~Classroom to Campus Leadership

~Campus to Central Office

- ~Curriculum to Cabinet
- ~Superintendent Ready and Refinement
- ~Policy, Advocacy & Beyond
- ~Grounded and Self Care (NEW!)

See [www.tcwse.org](http://www.tcwse.org) to complete an application. Due date October 19, 2026



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## Call for Mentors and Mentees

**Consider becoming a mentor or request to be mentored by one of our veteran members!**

Mentors will receive periodic guidance and activities to help them lead meaningful conversations.



We will set aside time to connect in person at the annual conference on January 22 and 23, 2027 in San Antonio.

**Taking a few minutes to connect and learn from an experienced leader can make a lasting difference in your career and help you build lifelong relationships. Mentors often find that they benefit just as much as the mentees!**

Whether you meet via zoom or in person, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow, share and inspire one another.

<https://fs11.formsite.com/tcwse/call-for-mentors26/index>

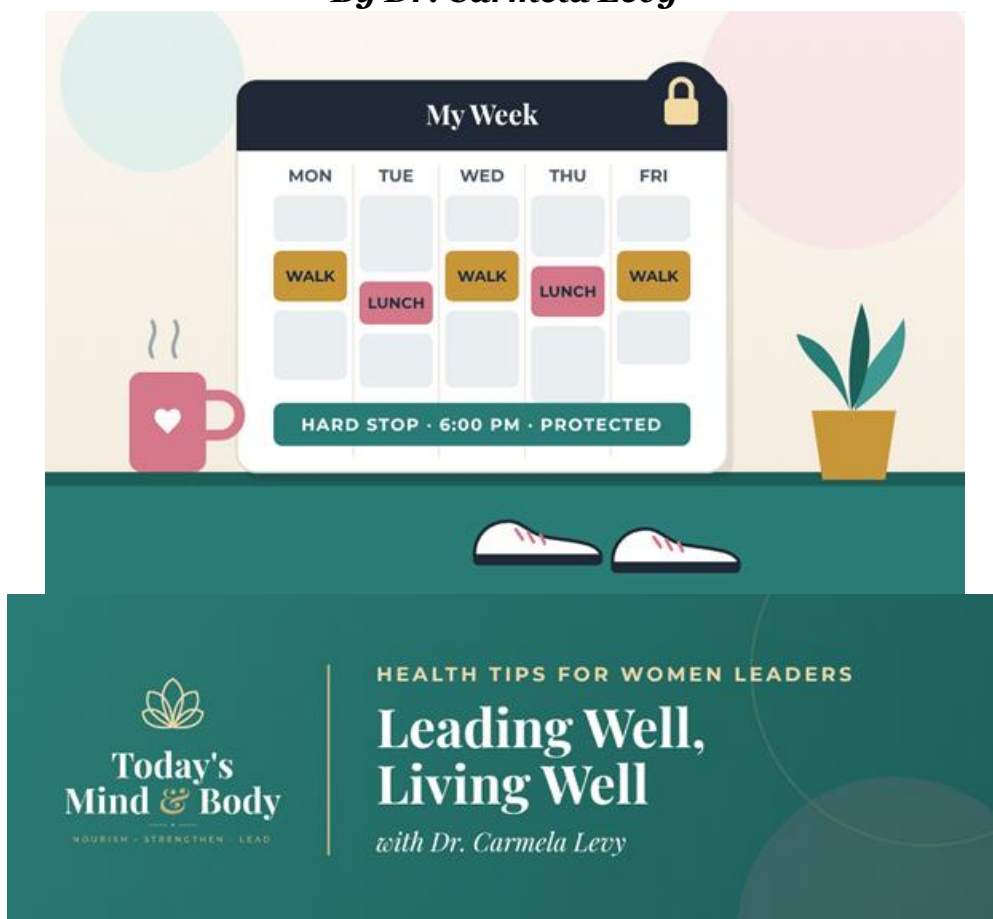
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Please register by November 1, 2026 to be assigned a mentor or mentee.



*Please welcome TCWSE Member, Dr. Carmela Levy, a former superintendent, executive coach, and founder of Today's Mind & Body, who brings us a monthly health tip written just for women school executives.*

***Self-Care in Small Doses***  
*Easy, protected habits for busy school leaders*  
***By Dr. Carmela Levy***



*Let's be honest: no woman running a campus, a department, or a district has an extra hour lying around. The good news is that self-care does not need one. In my coaching work, the habits that last are the small ones, done often and protected on purpose. They add up to*

*steadier energy, better sleep, and a calmer mind for the decisions only you can make.  
Here are easy ways to start this week. Choose two.*

### *Morning*

- **Water before email.** Drink a full glass before you open your inbox.
- **Three-breath start.** Before your first meeting, take three slow breaths and set one intention for the day.

### **Midday**

- **Walk and talk.** Turn one weekly one-on-one into a walking meeting around the campus or building.
- **Real lunch, real chair.** Eat away from your desk at least twice a week. Add protein and vegetables to keep afternoon energy steady.

### **Afternoon**

- **The 2:00 stretch.** Set a recurring five-minute calendar reminder to stand, stretch, and refill your water.
- **Color-code it.** Give self-care blocks their own calendar color so you can see your protected time at a glance.

### **Evening**

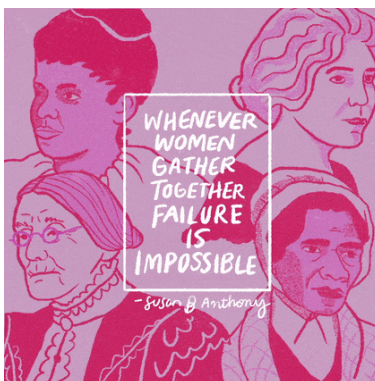
- **Hard stop.** Pick two nights a week when the laptop closes at a set time.
- **Screen sunset.** Charge your phone outside the bedroom and put it away 30 minutes before sleep.

**Protect it with one sentence:** When someone asks for that time, try: "I have a commitment then. Could we do 3:30?" You do not owe anyone the details.

*Want to spark a conversation? Invite your leadership team to each choose one habit for two weeks, then compare notes at your next meeting. Friendly competition is encouraged.*

*To learn more ways to prioritize your health and wellness, visit*

**[www.todaysmindandbody.com](http://www.todaysmindandbody.com)**.



## **Upcoming Events Across the Regions**

### **Region 4**

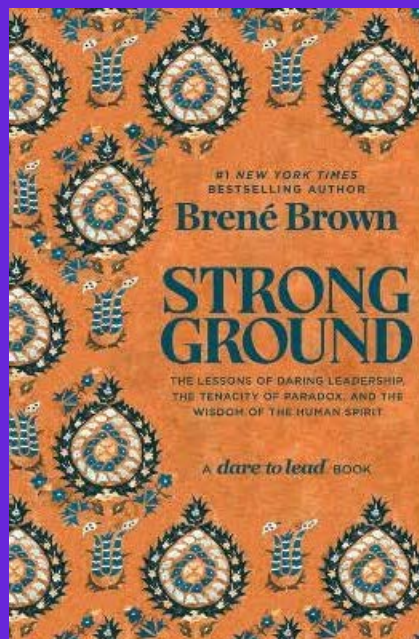


## Regions 5 and 6

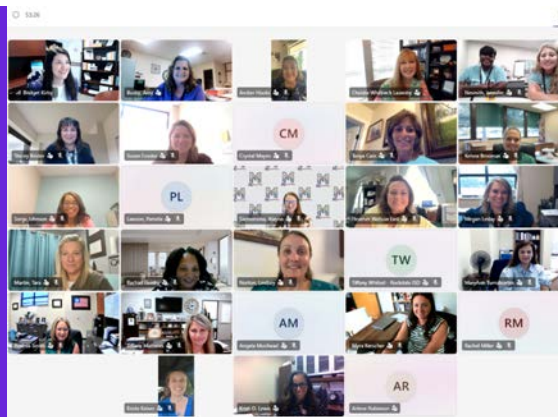
Region 5 and 6 are continuing their book study. You are welcome to join. They will meet monthly to discuss the book, share leadership lessons, and stay up to date on TCWSE.

To join the book study and monthly TCWSE meetings, sign up here: [TCWSE Region 5 and 6 Book Study – Fill out form.](#) Please feel free to share with other women leaders who may be interested in joining! All meetings will be held virtually at 4:00 pm.

For the book study, we will be reading: [Strong Ground](#), by Brené Brown



Meeting One was a huge success with 33 participants!



Thanks to Bridget Kirby, Region 5, and Amy Busby, Region 6, for leading this effort!

## Region 7



Registration is now open! Please register early to help us prepare for breakfast, lunch, and conference materials.

[FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION LINK](#)

## Region 10 Conference and Book Study



FALL 2026

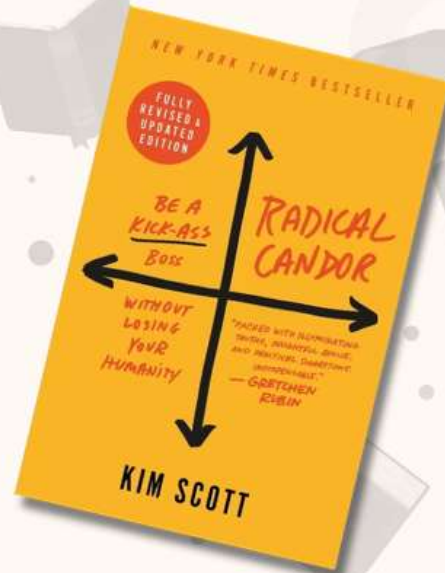
# BOOK STUDY

Join your fellow Region 10 TCWSE colleagues for a virtual book study of *Radical Candor*. Connect, share ideas, and discuss practical takeaways from noon–1 p.m. on the following dates:

- September 22
- November 17
- October 20
- December 14



**REGISTER TODAY**



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026**

## **Fall Kickoff - virtual**

Welcome, Orientation  
& Defining Your Leadership Legacy

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2027**

## **Winter Session - virtual**

Navigating Politics & Public  
Scrutiny as a Woman Leader

**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2027**

## **Spring Session - in person**

Financial & Budget Leadership  
+ Superintendency Panel

**FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2027**

## **End-of-Year Celebration - virtual**

Resilience & Burnout Prevention



**REGISTER TODAY**

## Region 11 Fall Brunch Was a Success!



## Region 17

### Save the Date:

Region 17 will host their fall meeting on October 29, 2026 from 11:30-1:00.

The meeting will be held at Texas Tech Credit Union located at  
6319 79th Street Lubbock, Texas

More details to follow.

See Region 17 Rep for information at [cicely.alexander@lubbockisd.org](mailto:cicely.alexander@lubbockisd.org)

## Congratulations to Mary Johnston Region 9 TCWSE Representative

Mary Johnston, Superintendent of Graham ISD, will now lead Region 9 as the local representative. She can be reached at [mary.johnston@grahamisd.com](mailto:mary.johnston@grahamisd.com)



Special thanks to Carla Hennessey, Superintendent of Montague ISD, for serving in this position for several years.

Your leadership is appreciated!

#### Regional Representative Opening

**Region 14**, currently occupied by Chanda Bloch in Hamlin ISD, leaves a vacancy in this region. The area encompasses, but is not limited to, districts of Abilene, Hamlin Collegiate, Gorman, Colorado, Trent, Roscoe, Sweetwater, Wylie, Westbrook and Rule.

If interested in representing region 14, please contact Dr. Whitbeck, TCWSE Executive Director, at [execdir@tcwse.org](mailto:execdir@tcwse.org) or [christiewhitbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:christiewhitbeck@yahoo.com) and get involved in this amazing organization. Interested candidates are presented to the Board for final selection.

#### NOMINATIONS OPEN!

##### Awards & Scholarship Application/Nomination Deadline Dec. 7, 2026

The following awards and scholarships will be presented during the 2027 Annual Conference in Austin. Nominations are open through December 7, 2026. Please look over these awards and scholarships and nominate yourself or others who would be great candidate(s) for one or more of these awards or scholarships.

[Margret Montgomery Leadership Award](#) - This is TCWSE's highest award created to honor the legacy of our founder, Margaret Montgomery, who initiated the council over 40 years ago. This award is to recognize and honor an outstanding Texas educator who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and supported professionalism for women in education. The recipient should represent strong leadership skills having made a significant impact in her district or state organization. She should be a member who exemplifies the mission of the Texas Council of Women School Executives by empowering women to ascend in leadership positions and who leads with high character and integrity.

[Bravo Awards](#) - The Bravo Awards honor those who make a difference to the profession and those who are in the

profession. This award is designed to highlight innovative programs and services that contribute to improving student academic performance; and/or to promote exemplary practitioners, innovative programs, and initiatives that promote community and parental involvement.

[Pat Shell Scholarship](#) - This scholarship is named in honor of Patricia M. Shell, who passed away in 2012 after a long and illustrious career in public education. Pat was an outstanding Texas education leader and mentor to both men and women educators. The TCWSE Scholarship Committee encourages all individuals who meet the eligibility criteria to apply. If you are not eligible but know someone who is, please encourage her to apply.

[Ann Halstead Scholarship](#) - This scholarship is named in honor of Ann Halstead, a remarkable woman who, as executive secretary/treasurer of TCWSE, dedicated 30-plus years of her career to empowering and supporting women in public education. The TCWSE Scholarship Committee encourages all individuals who meet the eligibility criteria to apply. If you are not eligible but know someone who is, please encourage her to apply.

Registration Opens September 29, 2026 for our TCWSE 2027 Conference *Rooted and Rising*.

TCWSE asks that the recipients of these awards be present at the TCWSE conference in January to receive their award, and that they be TCWSE members.

Go to [www.tcwse.org](http://www.tcwse.org) under awards to complete an application.

***Mark Your Calendars for TCWSE Conference 2027  
Friday afternoon January 22, 2027 and Saturday, January 23,  
2027  
Theme: Rooted and Rising***



***Registration is open!***

### ***TCWSE Partnership with Abilene Christian University***

TCWSE Officers have engaged in an MOU with Abilene Christian University. This allows our members to waive application fees and to receive 10% off tuition. If you are considering a higher education degree and you might want to take advantage of this opportunity, contact Sheree Bogny at:

**Sheree Bogany, M.S.**

**Executive, Corporate & Community Partnerships**

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16633 Dallas Parkway, Suite 800  
Addison, TX 75001



### ***Call for Manuscripts!***

***We have many talented writers among us!***

***Please read message from Kathryn Washington and spread the word!***

Dear Colleagues,

The *Journal of Innovations in Education & Human Development: Research and Practice (JIEHD)* is now accepting manuscript submissions for an upcoming issue.

We invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit original manuscripts that advance research, theory, and practice in education and human development. Submissions may include empirical studies, conceptual and theoretical papers, practitioner-focused articles, and innovative approaches that contribute meaningfully to the field.

**Submission Deadline:** August 1

All manuscripts will undergo a rigorous double-blind peer review process.

Authors may submit manuscripts directly via the journal website:

<https://jiejhd.lamar.edu/index.php/jiejhd/about/submissions>

Questions regarding submissions may be directed to:

[dept\\_jiejhd@lamar.edu](mailto:dept_jiejhd@lamar.edu)

We look forward to receiving your submissions and to showcasing innovative scholarship that informs research and practice in education and human development.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Washington on behalf of

*Editorial Team*

*Journal of Innovations in Education & Human Development*

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## **Scriptures of the Month**

*The scriptures below reflect thoughts of **October Blessings and October Awareness***

1. **Psalm 65:11** — "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance."
2. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** — "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body."
3. **Proverbs 17:22** — "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."
4. **Colossians 3:12** — "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."
5. **2 Timothy 1:7** — "For God gave us spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

## **2026-27 TCWSE Regional Representative List!**

*Reach out to your TCWSE Regional Representative to get involved  
in your regional TCWSE Chapter*

To find a list of TCWSE Regional Reps <https://tcwse.org/> or see below:

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- Region 1 [Michelle DeWitt](#) - Superintendent - Lyford CISD
- Region 2 [Gina Garza](#) - Superintendent - Ricardo ISD
- Region 3 [Melissa Gonzales](#) - Superintendent - Refugio ISD
- Region 4 [Paula Patterson](#) - Superintendent - Crosby ISD
- Region 5 [Bridget Kirby](#) - Assistant Superintendent - Silsbee ISD
- Region 6 [Amy Busby](#) - Asst. Superintendent of Student Serv. - Montgomery ISD
- Region 7 [Keri Hampton](#) - Superintendent - Brownsboro ISD
- Region 8 [Melissa Reid](#) - TSL Coach - Region 8 ESC
- Region 9 [Mary Johnston](#) - Superintendent - Montague ISD
- Region 10 [April Estrada](#) - Deputy Executive Director - ECS Region 10

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